

## RIO DE JANEIRO YOUR WAY 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

Rio's architecture embraces churches and buildings dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, blending with the world-renowned designs of the 20<sup>th</sup>. In the South Zone, along the sea front, the city preserves the memory of names such as Tom Jobim and João Gilberto, who wrote the first chords of the Bossa Nova.



### **DAY 1 – IN / RIO DE JANEIRO**

Arrive in Rio and private transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon. Overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 2 – RIO DE JANEIRO – Leisure Day (B)**

Breakfast and free day to enjoy Rio de Janeiro by own self or to take some optional tours listed below (not included). Overnight.

### **DAY 3 – RIO DE JANEIRO / OUT (B)**

Breakfast and free morning to enjoy Rio de Janeiro by own self or to take some optional tours listed below (not included). Check out at 12pm and private transfer to the airport.

### **OPTIONAL TOURS**

#### **VERTICAL RIO HELI FLIGHT (30 min flight)**

Take-off for the most unique photo experience, exploring the cinematic landscapes of the Wonderful City! We take the doors off, offering a 360° view, and take you to an epic helicopter photo experience, either for the classic "shoe-selfie" for your Instagram or to incredible pictures for your professional portfolio. With the flight plan totally set by you, our pilots will put you in the best spots for awesome photos!

**Note:** Transfers to/from your hotel to the airport are NOT included. Minimum 1, maximum 3 per helicopter. Recommended in the afternoon to see the sunset. If combined with a full day tour, there is no extra cost for transfers. Otherwise, consult us for extra transfers rates.

**SUGAR LOAF (3–4 hours)**

Departure to visit Sugar Loaf Mountain (entrance fee included). *(Recommended in the afternoon to see the sunset).*

**Sugar Loaf (396m):** Trademark of Rio de Janeiro, the Sugar Loaf Mountain has a privileged location in the city. In the first part of the cable-car ride you can see the entire Guanabara Bay, Corcovado and Rio-Niteroi Bridge. In the second part of the cable-car ride you can see, in a unique perspective, the beach of Copacabana, Santa Cruz Fortress and some beaches of Niterói in a fantastic scenery!

**Optional:** Hiking towards Urca Hill (220m). We walk by Cláudio Coutinho way and take the trail to reach the Urca Hill. The first step is steep and the trail takes about 40 min. It can be decided locally and will reduce the time up there but will avoid queuing for the cable car. No extra cost. \*Moderate level.

**SUGAR LOAF & FLEXIBLE MORNING (7–8 hours)**

After breakfast departure to a flexible morning tour. Where to go it's possible to decide locally with your guide (entrance fees not included). Pause for lunch (not included) and in the afternoon visit the Sugar Loaf Mountain (entrance fee included) to see the sunset.

**CORCOVADO (3–4 hours)**

Transfer to the Corcovado Mountain to visit the Christ the Redeemer (entrance fee included). *(Recommended early in the morning).*

**Christ the Redeemer:** Located at Corcovado Mountain (710 meters), with a height of 38m. The most important symbol of Rio de Janeiro, this monument is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. From there you can have a panoramic view of the city.

**CORCOVADO & FLEXIBLE AFTERNOON (7–8 hours)**

After breakfast transfer to the Corcovado Mountain to visit the Christ the Redeemer (entrance fee included). Pause for lunch (not included) and afterwards flexible afternoon. Where to go it's possible to decide locally with your guide (entrance fees not included).

**CORCOVADO & SUGAR LOAF (7–8 hours)**

Depart for a full day visiting Corcovado and Sugar Loaf (entrance fees included). *(We recommend Corcovado first and then Sugar Loaf).*

**CORCOVADO & SANTA TERESA (5–6 hours)**

Departure to visit Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado Mountain (entrance fee included). Afterwards visit the Santa Teresa neighborhood.

**Santa Teresa:** Located in an old neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro, Santa Teresa is a very charming place in Rio where lots of local artists are living and exhibiting their arts there. *(Not recommended on Mondays as most local shops remain closed)*

**CORCOVADO & SANTA TERESA & MORRINHO PROJECT (7–8 hours)**

Departure to visit Corcovado, then Santa Teresa Neighborhood for lunch (not included) and Pereira da Silva Slum to visit Morrinho Project (entrance fees included).

**Morrinho Project:** It is a social and cultural project based outside the Pereira da Silva favela (slum) in the Southern Zone of Rio de Janeiro. A Model of 450sqm made of bricks and other recycled materials. With the aim of showing that favela life is multi-dimensional, and endeavors to communicate their own reality through film, plastic arts, theater, and music. **Website:** [www.projedomorrinho.org](http://www.projedomorrinho.org)

**Note:** To get to the project, part of the path is made walking on uneven ground, besides having to go up and down several steps. Wear comfortable shoes.

*The visit is available from Monday to Saturday (10 am to 6 pm). Maximum 15 pax per visit.*

### **MORRINHO PROJECT (3–4 hours)**

Transfer to the Pereira da Silva Slum to visit the project (entrance fee included). *(Recommended in the morning or combined with Corcovado and Santa Teresa).*

### **TIJUCA FOREST & CORCOVADO & SANTA TERESA (7–8 hours)**

Leave the hotel with private guide and transfer to visit the Tijuca Florest. This park is known as the largest world's urban forest. Inside the forest, walk through a trail of easy trekking. Afterwards head to the Christ the Redeemer Statue on Corcovado Mountain (entrance fee included), stop for lunch (not included) and then we go to the charming district of Santa Teresa with its cobblestoned hilly streets, old homes and interesting museums. Return to the hotel.

### **DOWNTOWN & OLYMPIC BOULEVARD (3-4 hours) – by metro**

Leave by metro for a downtown tour ending at the Olympic Boulevard, the highlight of Rio 2016. Disembark is at *Cinelândia* Station for a walking tour through Rio de Janeiro's downtown until the Metropolitan Cathedral. Then, return to the same station to embark on a tram to the Olympic Boulevard.

**Note:** *The tour includes metro/tram tickets.*

### **DOWNTOWN & OLYMPIC BOULEVARD (3-4 hours) – by car**

Leave by car for a downtown tour ending at the Olympic Boulevard, the highlight of Rio 2016. The walking tour begins through *Cinelândia* Square until the Metropolitan Cathedral. Then, return to the vehicle towards the Olympic Boulevard.

**Olympic Boulevard:** Porto Maravilha's revitalized area, along with Praça Mauá, Orla Conde and Praça XV, is currently known as the Olympic Boulevard, a three kilometers strip that was a cultural epicenter of the Rio 2016 Olympics. There we can find the "Ethnicities" mural by Eduardo Kobra, the *Museu do Amanhã* (Museum of Tomorrow), the *Mosteiro de São Bento* (São Bento Monastery), the M.A.R. (Rio de Janeiro's Art Museum), and much more.

**Note:** *On this tour there's no time scheduled to enter and visit the museums unless we cut some parts of the visit and in this case the entrance fees will not be included.*

### **CORCOVADO & OLYMPIC BOULEVARD & CARNAVAL EXPERIENCE (7–8 hours)**

Breakfast and transfer to the Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado Mountain (entrance fee included), afterwards departure to a walking tour through the Olympic Boulevard. Then lunch (not included) on route to be decided with the guide, followed by a visit to the Carnival Experience. Return to the hotel.

**Carnaval Experience:** Rio de Janeiro's Carnival is the biggest and the most famous event in Brazil. There are over 90 samba schools and thousands of professionals involved, such as musicians, choreographers, dancers, craftsmen, Samba Masters and producers. In this tour is possible to experience the backstage at one of the twelve samba schools on the "premier league". During the visit you can also learn a little about the *samba* history, taste a *caipirinha*, and wear a traditional costume to bring home memorable moments.

**CARNAVAL EXPERIENCE & PEDRA DO SAL (3–4 hours)**

Departure to *Cidade do Samba* (Samba city) for a Carnaval backstage experience, followed by a visit to Pedra do Sal, a historical and religious site in Rio de Janeiro.

**Pedra do Sal:** It was originally a Quilombo village, and it has a special significance for Cariocas of African descent and fans of samba and choro music. The site is considered the center of the area known locally as "Little Africa", which was full of collective houses of escaped and freed slaves.

**BOTANICAL GARDEN & TIJUCA FOREST (5–6 hours)**

Departure to the Botanical Garden (entrance fee included), one of the greatest tropical botanical gardens in the world, houses some of the rarest species of plants from the flora of Brazil and other countries, and many species of tropical birds, fish and mammals. The garden is located at the foot of Corcovado Mountain and occupies about 142 hectares. It is part of *Floresta da Tijuca* home to hundreds of species of plants and wildlife of the Atlantic Rainforest.

*Botanical Garden opening hours on Mondays: noon–5pm; Tuesdays to Sundays: 8am–5pm.*

**TIJUCA ADVENTURE CIRCUIT (8–9 hours)**

A full-day hiking in the Tijuca Forest for about 9km/5.6miles (4h to 5h of hard roundtrip). Through an off the beaten track circuit of trails, discover its nature and history. You'll visit peaks, ruins, caves and waterfalls hiking in the deep jungle, over suspension bridges and streams. On our way up, you will discover the history of Rio and Tijuca Forest and all about the coffee farms that used to exist there, its golden years and the reforestation that took place in the XIX century. Reach the Taquara Hills, a 100m higher than the Christ Statue (814m=2670ft), with magnificent views to the West part of Rio, in clear days. Finish the day with a refreshing shower at a waterfall (bring swimwear and a towel).

**Features:** Long trail, steep and rough terrain with height exposure and cliffs at the trail and summit. *Requires good physical preparation. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring water and snacks.*

**Note:** *The tour is private. It's recommended during working days, since it will be less crowded.*

**PRAINHA & GRUMARI BEACHES (8–9 hours)**

This tour will take you to the west part of Rio, a more untouched area where nature still shouts. Driving along the coastline and passing by Reserva Beach and Marapendi Lagoon, our first stop is at Chico Mendes Park, a protected area where is possible to see\* caimans, capybaras and visit the project where biology students treat animals to release them back to their habitat. After that, we'll head to Prainha, a cute small beach, the surfers preferred spot, where we'll do a 1,5h hike roundtrip (2.8km = 1.8 miles) to Caeté summit (143m = 470ft) that reveals amazing views of the coast and the mountains of Rio. From Prainha we'll jump in the car and with a 5 min. drive we'll get to Grumari, another protected beach area where you'll be able to enjoy all the lush of a tropical beach (approx. 2h of beach time). White sands, blue waters and the green all around.

*\*Animals (caimans and capybaras) are in the nature and wild environment so seeing them is not*

*guaranteed.*

**Features:** Moderate rising trail on rough terrain in tropical rainforest + staying about 2h on the beach. *Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring water and snacks. Bring towel and bathing suit for the beach.*

**Note:** *The tour is private. It's only available from Tuesday to Friday.*

### **TIJUCA FAMILY HIKE (4–5 hours)**

Hike the main sector of the Tijuca National Park for about 4,5km/2.8 miles (2 hours of easy roundtrip). The tour goes through important sites such as the Taunay Waterfall (35m and highest of the park), the Mayrink Chappel and the bridge Job de Alcântara. Follow a short ascending hike in a rough trail through a deeper part of the tropical rainforest. Experience nature on its beauty till' the Cascatinha Summit, 525m (1722ft) with a nice view to the valley and of the highest mountains of the rainforest.

**Features:** Short and easy rising trail going up and down hill on rough terrain. *Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring water and snacks.*

**Note:** *The tour is private. It's recommended during working days, since it will be less crowded.*

### **TIJUCA EXPRESS HIKE (4–5 hours)**

Trail to the top of Pedra Bonita for about 3,5km/2.2 miles (1h30 to 2h of easy roundtrip). From a unique angle at the top of Pedra Bonita, we see the majestic Pedra da Gavea, the highest monolith (844m/2762 ft high) close to the sea in the world. The trail goes through the Atlantic Rainforest inside the Tijuca National Park, one of the largest urban forest in the world. On the way up, you will discover the history of Rio and Tijuca Forest and all about the coffee farms that used to exist there.

**Features:** Short and easy rising trail with height exposure and cliffs at the summit. *Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring water and snacks.*

**Note:** *The tour is private. It is not available during weekends and holidays.*

### **COOK IN RIO (3–4 hours)**

Chef Simone Almeida has been offering Brazil's premier cooking class since 2009. Her job is not just to teach delicious Brazilians recipes, but to explain Brazilian culture through food. Depending on the day's recipe you will learn a few Brazilian drinks (*caipirinha* and *batida de coco*), and a few appetizers like *coalho* cheese with pepper jam and flambéed sausage with onion, before you start on the main dish, which can be *Moqueca* (fish) or *Feijoada* (pork), served with rice and banana crumbs. Vegetarian versions of *Moqueca* and *Feijoada* can be made. For dessert, *brigadeiro* or an exotic fruit.

**Regular classes:** *From Monday to Friday at 4pm and on Saturday at 11am. Closed on Sundays.*

**Note:** *For 6 people or more the class will be private. For private classes for 5 people or less, upon request.*

### **BEACH BIKE (2 hours)**

This 2-hour guided tour will take you to the iconic beaches in Rio like Copacabana, Arpoador, Ipanema and Leblon, in a stylish bike and in a mostly flat and beachfront cycleway. On Sundays and public holidays some streets are closed for vehicles and you can walk or cycle on these streets.

**Included:** bike hire only (for 2 hours).

**Note:** *This tour is to be combined with a full day tour with flexible morning or afternoon and cannot be sold separately. The route can be discussed with the guide locally. Other bike tour options are also available, please consult us.*

**BY NIGHT – RIO SCENARIUM (4 hours)**

Rio Scenarium is located in Lapa district in a renovated house with great music and relaxing atmosphere. This is not only a nightclub where you can listen to live music, dance, eat or drink, it is also a Museum full of antiques and with spacious venue of three floors. A great place for travelers and locals to meet and have an enjoyable moment.

**Included:** Typical bar appetizers and drinks (according to the menu settled), served for 4 hours.

*Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday at 7pm and on Saturday at 8pm.*

**BY NIGHT – GINGA TROPICAL (3–4 hours)**

This musical represents the many faces of Brazilian culture such as *Frevo, Capoeira, Forró, Bossa Nova, Funk, Samba*, and the worldwide known *Carnival*, and others. Besides the show, you can also learn some Samba's steps. Ginga Tropical is currently located at *Teatro Leblon*.

*Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 9pm.*

**Note:** *The use of electronic devices for photos and videos is not allowed during the show (including mobile phones).*

**PETROPOLIS (7–8 hours)**

Leave the hotel in Rio de Janeiro in private car with guide to Petrópolis (70km–1h40), also known as Imperial City. The first stop is at Quitandinha Palace (only on the outside) and then at Santos Dumont House. Stop for lunch (not included) followed by a visit to the Imperial Museum, the São Pedro de Alcântara Cathedral and the Cristal Palace. Return to the hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

**Note:** *Entrance fee of the sites mentioned above are included, except for Quitandinha Palace fee. (This full day tour is not possible on Mondays).*

**– DAILY DEPARTURES – THE ITINERARY MAY CHANGE ACCORDING TO CLIMATE CONDITIONS –  
REQUEST PRICING**

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Copacabana:

[Arena Copacabana](#)

[Arpoador](#)

[Copacabana Palace](#)

Ipanema:

[Ipanema Inn](#)

[Arena Ipanema](#)

Santa Teresa:

[Santa Teresa Hotel RJ MGallery](#)

Leblon:

[Janeiro Hotel](#)

**INCLUDED:**

2 nights' accommodation with breakfast **(B)** according to the choice of hotel;

Private transfers in/out;

English or Spanish speaking guide (other languages please ask us).

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Flights;

Extra nights;

Optional Tours;

Travel insurance;

Phone calls and personal expenses;

Beverages and meals which are not specified;

All other services stated as optional or not explicitly stated as included.